

BIG GUNS, HURLING SHELLS INTO BAY, SHAKE DWELLINGS

Many Houses Damaged by Concussion When 12-Inch Projectiles Are Expelled.

COST OF DAY \$25,000.

Scores of Guardsmen Bowled Over When the Mimic Battle Begins.

For the first time in the history of New York's coast defense forts a demonstration was made to-day of what war is like when the big guns hurl twelve-inch projectiles out into the bay. The neighbors of Fort Hamilton and Wadsworth didn't like it at all when their windows blew out and their ceilings and walls came tumbling about their heads.

Although it was only mimic warfare, it felt and sounded to Fort Hamilton, Bay Ridge, South Beach, Bensonhurst, Coney Island and Sea Gate as if Satan had taken the lid off and shot up some of his best bombs into the circumambient.

Firing Continued for Hours.

The shooting began at 11.30 o'clock and continued for several hours, by which time many thousands dwellers had been stricken with temporary deafness, and local clerics on hand for the show and the din. There were fourteen companies of the Thirtieth and Forty-seventh regiments, N. G. N. Y., encamped at the fort, who had their first initiation in actual big gun fire, and before their day's work was concluded hundreds of the guardsmen had new lines of care and worry in their young faces.

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Col. Henry L. Ludlow, commanding Fort Hamilton, saw to it that the militiamen got the real thing in the way of experience, his officers leading them to the mounds where the disappearing guns were sheltered and permitting them to see the rifles bob up and hear them shoot. Scores of the guardsmen were bowled over by the concussion, and many of them backed away in startled panic.

Many Women Spectators.

There was a great throng of women on the lawns about the fort, wives and sweethearts and friends of the officers. They were having a delightful time and made a pretty picture up to the moment the 12-inch rifles began to bark.

But after the first projectile had leaped from the mouth of No. 1 gun in Battery Brown, and shot, hissing and screaming over the water, their enthusiasm, chatter and gay spirits were totally subdued.

A target ten feet high, of red canvas, had been towed just south of Swinburne's Island. But just as Capt. Hancock was passing the signal along the hoists gunners down in the battery, the warning cry came that the Adriatic of the White Star line was steaming through the Narrows, and was dangerously near the range.

One of the destroyers ran over to the Adriatic and Col. Ludlow delayed the first shot until the big liner was well away from any possibility of danger. Her passengers, however, were undoubtedly thrilled by the first volley of the twelve-inch guns.

Altogether, there were only ten shots fired from the 12-inch guns, but each shot cost Uncle Sam \$480-\$500 for the shell and \$150 for the powder. To the inexperienced the most startling feature of the big gunfire was the continued screaming of the shells after they had left the muzzles of the guns and until they struck the water in the neighborhood of the target.

Staten Island Woke Up.

Staten Island was not long in waking up to the fact that something untoward was going on across the Narrows. All about Fort Wadsworth and in Stapleton and in the neighboring towns buildings were severely shaken by the fire from Fort Hamilton, and in a few isolated cases windows were broken.

The war game will be continued to-night, with attacks on the forts at the entrance to New York harbor on the one side, and the forts at the Narrows, Sound, the attack will be made some time between 8 and 11. There will be a mimic fleet to simulate the strength of four battleships and four cruisers, and also a detachment to storm the batteries from the land side.

Capt. Surratt, adjutant of Fort Hamilton, said this afternoon that if the complaints that had come in were any indication of the extent of damage due to the afternoon's shooting, claims aggregating \$100,000 would be filed against the Government.

For the information of those who desire to submit claims, they should be turned in to a board of officers at Fort Hamilton, who will take testimony. If the testimony substantiates the claims they will be O. K.'d and passed on to the War Department. If they are not O. K.'d, then they will be sent to Congress to pass a bill to cover them.

How to Improve Your Health Without the Use of Drugs:

By visiting a "Summer Resort" where all things are to your liking, you will forget all about the worries that keep you nervous and irritable and return to work fresh in mind and much improved physically.

The World printed 705 "Summer Resort" advertisements yesterday—225 more than all the other New York newspapers combined.

ASKS \$100,000 OF AGED BANKER TO MEND HER HEART

Pretty Susie A. Merrill Says Lazarus Levy Promised to Marry Her.

Pert and pretty and innocent as an ingenue in a society play was Susie A. Merrill, also called "Sadie Merrill," meeting close up to A. Delos Kneeland, her lawyer, while he examined candidates for the jury to try her suit for \$100,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage against Lazarus Levy, seventy years old, wealthy and head of the banking house of L. Levy & Co., in which his three sons are his partners, at No. 111 Broadway.

Mr. Levy is a widower of many years' standing. He lives in his own mansion at No. 9 East Sixty-fifth street, with his sons and a retinue of servants. He is iron-gray as to his tidily trimmed beard and almost white as to the lambswool of hair that skirts his bald dome of thought, a venerable old gentleman, with mild benevolence beaming in his face.

Her Answer Was "Yes."

The ingenue is bewilderingly pretty, and Mr. Levy might be pardoned for admiring her. She says he was a successful suitor.

Miss Merrill declares that Mr. Levy began courting her in 1905, and that by April 2 his wooing had progressed to the proposing point, that he asked her that day to be his bride, just as soon as he could arrange with his children for the marriage, some time within the year. And she said "Yes."

Now, in the eyes of the law, an engagement to marry is a contract, and there are certain terms of court set apart for the trial of alleged breaches of contract, including this kind. But it is not the term presided over by Justice Fitzgerald. His is the term where "torts" are tried. A tort is an injury by wrong-doing, and that is what Susie A. Merrill, so meek, so demure in her simple gown of quaker drab, with a girlish mushroom hat, surmounting her yellow brown hair, charged against her alleged septuagenarian suitor.

He Denies It All.

And, more, she alleges that having thus injured her under promise of marriage he had a wife who purposed to be a physician to examine her as to the truth of her allegation, and that that woman assaulted her and tried to commit a criminal operation.

This old gentleman who let his lawyers, James W. Osborne and J. Fitzgerald, try the case for him, while he sat modestly in a rear seat, answers the charges with a simple "No."

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Obedient Instinct of Self-Preservation When Sinking Companion Seized Him.

Because he obeyed a natural instinct of self-preservation when his own life was in danger, Frank Ferris, fifteen years old, of No. 222 West One Hundred and Twelfth street, is a prisoner in the rooms of the Gerry Society, charged technically with homicide.

Leaving about 10 o'clock, Park this afternoon young Ferris met another boy, slightly older, whom he knew only as Joe and whose home, so he told Frank, was at No. 315 East One Hundred and Twelfth street. Under their outer garments both lads wore bathing suits, and it wasn't long after they'd met up with each other before they were headed for the Hudson River.

Near the foot of West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street they improvised a small raft of drift timber, and on it the trunk-clad youngsters paddled out about fifty feet from shore.

There a swell from a passing steamer turned their clumsy craft over. Neither of the shipwrecked pair could swim.

Frank, coming up first, grabbed the body of the other boy, who was struggling. He kicked out frantically in an effort to save himself from drowning. Frank's foot caught the struggling Joe squarely in the face. Stunned, he loosened his holds and sank.

Two young men, Ben Clark, of No. 256 Eighth avenue, and Harry O'Connell, of No. 256 Eighth avenue, saw the tragedy from the bank. Clark got the frightened Ferris ashore, while O'Connell jumped in with his clothes on, hoping to reach Joe. He dived repeatedly, but could not find the body.

Policeman Hall looked Ferris up. He will be arraigned to-morrow in the children's court. Efforts are being made to find the dead boy's parents.

BOY SLASHES WOMAN'S FACE WITH A RAZOR

Taussino Caruso Dangerously Wounds Mrs. Ferrari and Is Himself Attacked.

There was a cutting affair in the tenement at No. 19 Thompson street this afternoon which may result seriously to the man that started the fight, and will forever leave its mark in several long lacerations on the face of Mrs. Mela Ferrari, who happened to be the innocent party.

Taussino Caruso, a seventeen-year-old coxswain, had a fight about a month ago with Mrs. Ferrari's husband. He was taken to court and reprimanded. He took his arrest keenly and vowed that he would get even. It happens that Caruso's brother stands well with the Ferraris, inasmuch as he had a good deal to do with the hand of Mrs. Ferrari's sister, when Taussino, who had formerly boarded with the Ferraris, made application for his clothes to-day of Mrs. Ferrari she told him to come

around and get them when his brother was present.

This angered Taussino and he whipped out a razor. He began cutting Mrs. Ferrari's face, and after he had it almost in ribbons started on her hands. As the woman dropped to the floor her brother came running in. He grappled with his sister's assailant, and after giving him a terrible beating took the razor from him and started in to carve up Taussino's face.

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As he was running down the steps Policeman White, of the Macdougall Street Station, happened along. He grabbed the excited young man, and not being able to get a connected statement in English or Italian, took him to the Macdougall Street Station. Hospitalized and tended by nurses, Mrs. Ferrari's brother disappeared and an ambulance surgeon bore Mrs. Ferrari and her assailant away.

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Nothing Hansen said me if I thought \$25,000 would be sufficient. I was surprised and said I thought it would be.

Important to All Women Readers of This Paper.

Women are as subject to kidney trouble as men, which fact is often overlooked.

Many woman's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition they will cause the other organs to become diseased.

You may suffer a great deal with pain in the back, bearing-down feelings, headache and loss of ambition.

Poor health makes you nervous, irritable and maybe despondent; it makes any one so.

But thousands of irritable, nervous, tired and broken-down women have restored their health and strength by the use of Swamp-Root, a great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy.

Swamp-Root brings new life and activity to the kidneys, the cause of such troubles.

Many send for a sample bottle to see what Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy, will do for them. Every reader of this paper, who has not already tried it, may address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and receive sample bottle free by mail.

PROCTER & GAMBLE
P. & G. NAPHTHA SOAP

GIRL RUN OVER BY CAR; DRESS SAVES HER FROM DEATH

Child Dragged Half a Block, Her Head Two Inches From the Wheels.

It was the strong texture of which Jennie Scoppa's dress was made that saved her from being crushed to death beneath the wheels of a heavy trolley car at Fourteenth street, near First Avenue, this afternoon.

The dress caught in the underwork of the car and, although the child's body was dragged nearly half a block, and it was necessary to jack up the forward truck to liberate her, the injuries were confined to a broken leg and multiple bruises about the back and side.

For nearly half an hour the girl lay under the car. Police reserves were called out to keep back the thousands who gathered and to protect the motorman and conductor.

The girl is eight years old and lives at No. 419 East Fourteenth street. She was homeward bound from the parochial school attached to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, half a block from where she was run down.

The car, in charge of Conductor John Kennedy and Motorman James Hughes, was running east, when Jennie stumbled and fell on the track in front of it.

She was too close for Hughes to avoid hitting her, although he crowded on the brakes.

As her body disappeared beneath the platform the motorman himself became weak from the shock and could not stop the car as quickly as he would have wished.

The street soon became jammed with women and children from the neighboring tenements.

There were many men also who wanted to attack the motorman, and Policeman Ryan looked for trouble, sent in a call for the reserves. Ryan also called an ambulance, when Dr. Scoppa's child's screams had ceased and every body thought her dead.

While the car had under the car and found that the child had fainted, and that her dress, which had become entangled in the brake gear, had held the little one's body away from the wheels. As she lay her head was within two inches of the wheel.

While the car was being held back the crowds the wrecking crew from the sheds jacked up the car and the child was lifted out.

She was taken to Bellevue Hospital. There were no arrests.

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